

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 186

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow

May 12, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 186—Relative to California Fairground Appreciation Month.

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ACR 186, as introduced, Bigelow. California Fairground Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate June 2016 as California Fairground Appreciation Month and commend the directors, volunteers, staff, local agencies, nonprofits, and Californians who support and attend fairground events.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California’s 76 fairgrounds represent an important
2 public asset, providing public recreation, education, and community
3 unity to more than 20 million Californians every year; and
4 WHEREAS, California’s fairgrounds provide vital emergency
5 services as fire camps, disaster relief centers, and training and
6 staging areas; and
7 WHEREAS, California’s fairgrounds accommodate both those
8 actively involved in emergency relief efforts and those displaced
9 by disasters and serve as a temporary home; and
10 WHEREAS, More than one dozen fairgrounds served in
11 emergency response capacities in 2015 alone; and

1 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds serve as year-round centers
2 for economic activities, generating millions of dollars in tax and
3 employment income for the state and local governments; and

4 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds provide a unique and
5 unparalleled platform for nonprofit events and charitable efforts
6 that in turn provide a wide variety of important social services,
7 including food drives, blood drives, pet adoptions, scholarships,
8 and educational activities; and

9 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds promote the Golden State's
10 proud agricultural history and foster the education of future
11 generations about the connection between food and farming; and

12 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds are gathering places for
13 the state's diverse ethnic populations, veterans groups, and other
14 organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds promote the conservation
16 of natural resources, including water, and the importance of water
17 to California farms and cities; and

18 WHEREAS, California's fairgrounds are supported by thousands
19 of volunteers from the boardroom to the parking lot and livestock
20 barns; and

21 WHEREAS, The 76 fairgrounds within California deserve great
22 respect and admiration for their services to California; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
26 month of June 2016 as California Fairground Appreciation Month
27 in appreciation for the services given to California by the 76
28 fairgrounds in the state; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commends the thousands of
30 directors, volunteers, staff, local agencies, and nonprofits, as well
31 as the millions of Californians, who support and attend fairground
32 events year round; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
34 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.